GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6774
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2013
AIR SERVICES IN NE REGION
Pala Shri Vincent H

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of airports operative for commercial flights in the States in the North Eastern region with dates of commencement of commercial flights and dates of suspension of operations and resumption of services in respect of eaeh airport in each State;

(b) whether the airport at Shillong is currently functional for passenger traffic;

(c) if so, the details of commercial flights being operated from Shillong airport for the past three years;

(d) the details of financial allocations made for the establishment of the Shillong airport and modernisation and expansion of the said airport with dates, funds spent, time taken, etc.;

(c) whether there is any proposal for expansion and modernization of the Shillong airport in the current plan period; and

(f) if so, the financial allocations made therefor along with other critical details?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SURI K C VENUGOPAL)

(a): At present, scheduled air services are available to/from nine airports in the NE Region viz. Agartala, Lengpui (Aizawl), Bagdogra, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Guwahati, Fmphal,Jorhat and Silchar. In addition to this Lilabari, Shillong and Tezpur are also operational airports but, however, scheduled flights are not operating from/to these airports at present. Details of flights withdrawn by Airlines are at Annex-I

(b)& (c) : Shillong airport in Meghalaya is an operational airport. However, at present no commercial operations are taking place from this airport. Details of commercial flights operated from Shillong airport during the last three years are at Annex-ll.

(d): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has constructed a new terminal building at Harapani (Shillong) airport with an allocation ofRs.28.27 crores in the 11th Five Year Plan. The work commenced in June 2009 and completed in May 2010 at a cost of Rs.29.70 crores.

(e)& (f) : Yes, Madam. There is a proposal for expansion and modernisation of Shillong airport and Rs.75.65 crores has been earmarked for this project in the 12th Five Year Plan. Details are at Annex-lll.